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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and I believe I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the invention entitled COMPOSITE STRUCTURE AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING THE SAME, the specification of which was filed on 19 February 2002 as United States Application Serial Number 10/070,104, which received a United States national phase filing requirements completion date of 03 October 2002, which is the U.S. national phase of International Patent Application PCT/JP00/07076 filed on 12 October 2000, and which was amended on or about 19 February 2002, 02 March 2005, 21 November 2005, 10 July 2006, and 03 August 2006.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Title 37, Code Of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(a)-(d) or Section 365(b), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or under Section 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, as listed below; and have also listed below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application, having a filing date before that of the application from which priority is claimed:

Japan Patent Application 11-289904 filed on 12 October 1999  
priority **IS** claimed

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120, of any United States application(s), or under Section 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below; and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty, as defined in Title 37, Code Of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56, to disclose information material to patentability which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

International Application PCT/JP00/07076 filed on 12 October 2000  
status: natural expiration after US national phase filing

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119(e), of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

None.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein on my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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